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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

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1. POL COUNSELOR DELIVERED COPIES IN SPANISH OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO DR. ANDRES AGUILAR ON APRIL 10. HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. LOS DELEGATION ENSURE THAT DR. MARCOS FALCON BRICENO, ACTING HEAD OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION IN AGUILAR'S ABSENCE, AND AMBASSADOR GERMAN NAVA CARRILLO, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK, RECEIVE COPIES OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

2. AFTER READING THE SPEECH AGUILAR SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT, AND THAT HE WOULD STUDY IT CLOSELY. HE SAID HE WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK ON APRIL 15.

3. AGUILAR SAID HE FULLY AGREED THAT THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE ENVISIONS A FURTHER NEGOTIATING SESSION, PROBABLY IN GENEVA, COMMENCING TOWARD THE END OF JULY AND LASTING UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID THAT HE BELIEVED ALL THE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS ARE IMBUE WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY AS TO THE NEED TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CULMINATION. SHLAUDEMAN

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